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July 1 U.S. Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 31.4 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2010. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 16.0 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement and milk replacement heifer inventories were the same at 4.2 million head. Beef replacements heifers were down 5 percent from July 1, 2010, while milk replacement heifers were up 4 percent from July 1, 2010. Other heifers, at 7.6 million, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 14.2 million head and calves under 500 pounds, at 27.2 million head, were both down 1 percent from a year ago. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, at 2.0 million head, were down 5 percent. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, at 12.2 million, were up 3 percent. The 2011 calf crop is expected to be 35.5 million, down 1 percent from 2010. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down slightly from 2010.

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